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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/076,656; Filed: February 19, 2002
For: **Gate Assembly for Reducing Drooling of Melt from a Sprue Bar**
Inventor: Robert Sicilia
Our Ref: 2107.0520000/TUM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
 2. Six (6) replacement drawings;
 3. Six (6) sheets of annotated drawings showing changes; and
 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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